

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-39 (Canceled).

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 70, wherein the plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of spots having a varying edge in the machine direction and arranged in levels extending in the direction of the longitudinal extent of the fastening tape over the effective width of the carrier area, each level being separated from an adjoining level by a distance in the machine direction, and at least one spot being provided at each level .

Claims 41-43 (Canceled).

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 70, wherein the plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of strip-shaped spots formed by a separation in a first direction and by a spaced-apart weakening in a second direction.

Claims 45-52 (Canceled).

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): A strip material having a longitudinal direction of extent which can be divided by separating across the longitudinal direction of extent to form individual usages in the form of fastening tapes according to Claim 70.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented) A coil of a strip material according to Claim 53.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): A diaper having a fastening tape according to Claim 70.

Claims 56-66 (Canceled).

Claim 67 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to claim 44, wherein the plurality of strip-shaped spots comprise at least two strips along the first direction, wherein the strips lie parallel to the first direction and substantially parallel to one another, whereas in the second direction along the profile of the strips, the strips are provided with an edge variation comprising weakenings which are spaced apart from one another, with a constriction of the strips

comprising a tapering in the profile so that defined bending lines are obtained in the first direction along the dividing lines of the individual strip-shaped spots and approximately perpendicular hereto, are obtained weaker but nevertheless perceptible further bending lines.

Claims 68-69 (Canceled).

Claim 70 (Currently Amended): A fastening tape for a hygiene item comprising:

(a) a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item;

(b) a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item, said closing area comprising first and second areas, said first area having a shear-off securing component of a two-component mechanical fastening system and said second area having a pop-off securing fastener comprising an adhesive layer;

(c) a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said spot-shaped carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying the shear-off securing component, wherein a selected ~~first~~ set of said plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of edge carriers, each edge carrier forming a respective portion of a border of the carrier area along an

edge section of the edge carrier, and wherein ~~a selected second~~  
said set of said plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises  
identical strip-shaped spots;

(d) a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped  
carriers, said fastening carrier comprising first and second  
longitudinal portions; and

(e) a bending line running through the carrier area;  
wherein said adhesive layer comprises at least first and  
second adhesives extending respectively over the first and second  
longitudinal portions of the fastening carrier.

Claim 71-75 (Canceled).

Claim 76 (Previously Presented): A fastening tape for a  
hygiene item comprising:

(a) a fastening area for permanent attachment to the  
hygiene item;

(b) a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a  
surface of the hygiene item;

(c) a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier  
area defined by said carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying  
a component of a two-component mechanical fastening system,  
wherein a selected set of said plurality of spot-shaped carriers  
comprises identical strip-shaped spots;

(d) a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers, said fastening carrier comprising first and second longitudinal portions; and

(e) a bending line running through the carrier area;

wherein when viewed from the fastening area, the closing area initially at least partially comprises hooks and otherwise an open adhesive surface, said open adhesive surface comprising at least first and second adhesives extending respectively over the first and second longitudinal portions of the fastening carrier.

Claim 77-78 (Canceled).

Claim 79 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to claim 70, wherein the border of the carrier area near a separation in a machine direction coincides with a longitudinal tape edge.

Claim 80 (Canceled).

Claim 81 (Previously Presented): A strip material having a longitudinal direction of extent which can be divided by separating across the longitudinal direction of extent to form individual usages in the form of fastening tapes for a hygiene

item, each fastening tape comprising a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item, a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item, a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said spot-shaped carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying a component of a two-component mechanical fastening system, a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers, said fastening carrier comprising first and second longitudinal portions, and a bending line running through the carrier area;

wherein the carrier area has a cohesive open adhesive area between the spot-shaped carriers, said open adhesive area comprising at least first and second adhesives extending respectively over the first and second longitudinal portions of the fastening carrier.

Claim 82 (Canceled).

Claim 83 (Previously Presented): The strip material according to claim 81, wherein the strip material is further separated substantially in the longitudinal direction of extent.

Claim 84 (Canceled).